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SUBJ : OPIC NOTES EXCHANGED - AT LAST

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1. WE HARDLY BELIEVE IT OURSELVES BUT THE LONG STRUGGLE IS OVER. I AM HIGHLY PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT AT APPROXIMATELY 0940 FEBR. 10, COMMISSIONER FOR EXTERNAL AFFAIRS OKOI ARIKPO AND I EXCHANGED DIPLOMATIC NOTES BRINGING INTO EFFECT THE OPIC AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND NIGERIA SIGNED AUGUST 3, 1974. AFTER NEARLY FIVE YEARS I THINK WE HAVE CAUSE FOR A SMALL CELEBRATION, AND I AM GRATEFUL FOR YOUR PATIENCE AND ASSISTANCE.

2. NEXT HURDLE WE FACE WILL BE TO SHOW NIGERIANS THAT OPIC AGREEMENT IS A WORTHWHILE INSTRUMENT. COMMISSIONER ARIKPO THIS MORNING SAID HE LOOKED FOR US INVESTMENT TO "FLOW" IN AS A RESULT OF THIS AGREEMENT. I ASSURED HIM OF THE INTEREST OF BOTH U.S. INDUSTRY AND THE US GOVERNMENT IN SEEING GREATER US INVESTMENT IN NIGERIA AND SAID I BELIEVED THIS AGREEMENT WOULD HELP ACHIEVE THAT END. I HOPE WE CAN DELIVER.

3. ORIGINAL MEA NOTE AND CERTIFIED COPY OF OUR NOTE
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